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SUBJECT: US POSITION ON HIGH SEAS STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE

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1. INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL WAS CONVEYED TO MFA ACTING DIRECTOR FOR IO AFFAIRS, DR. GEORG LENNKH, WHO THOUGHT GOA AWARE US POSITION REMAINED THAT ECONOMIC ZONE SHOULD BE PART OF HIGH SEAS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT VIRTUALLY ALL GOA EXPERTS ON LOS WERE IN NEW YORK, INCLUDING HEAD OF LOS DELEGATION AND FMA/IO DIRECTOR, MINISTER KARL WOLF, AND THAT SINCE HE HAD ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED TO MFA FROM ASSIGNMENT AT UN AND NORMALLY DID NOT FOLLOW LOS MATTERS, US LOS DELEGATION MIGHT BETTER RAISE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH AUSTRIAN COLLEAGUES. EMBASSY SUGGESTS US DEL DO SO.

2. EMBOFF GAVE LENNKH COPIES OF RECENT WIRELESS FILE ITEMS OUTLINING US VIEWS AND POSITIONS ON LOS, WHICH ELICITED
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FURTHER REMARK THAT GOA HAD NOT DECIDED WHAT ITS

POSITION MIGHT BE IF ACTUALLY CONFRONTED WITH FINAL AGREEMENT. HE SAID RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF MFA BUT, UNTIL NEW FOREIGN MINISTER NAMED AND BROKEN IN (MINISTER BIELKA IS RETIRING AT END OF AUGUST), ALL DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE BY WOLF IN NEW YORK.

3. AS TO POSSIBLE POSITION ON FINAL AGREEMENT, LENNKH SAID PRESENT THINING AT MFA WAS THAT UNLESS AUSTRIA GOT SOMETHING FROM AGREEMENT, SUCH AS SOME SPECIAL RIGHTS IN ECONOMIC ZONES OF OTHER STATES OR IN DEEP SEABEDS, THERE SEEMED LITTLE ADVANTAGE IN GOA'S LEGITIMIZING CLAIMS OF OTHERS. HE NOTED AUSTRIA WAS CONCERNED PRIMARILY IN THIS REGARD WITH EXTREMIST CLAIMS OF SOME STATES, ESPECIALLY LATIN AMERICAN AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NOT POSITIONS OF US, WHICH HE THOUGHT RELATIVELY GENEROUS AND GENERALLY COMPATIBLE WITH GOA'S. MEEHAN

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